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BIG TIME MATCHUP:

The men's basketball team takes on the number one team in the MAC East, Kent State, tonight in Anderson Arena; **PAGE 7**

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BG NEWS BRIEFING

University student tech center aims to help students protect identities

A Federal Trade Commission survey ranks identity theft as the fastest growing crime in the nation. The consumer crime is gaining popularity because it's both internet friendly and easy to commit. The Bowling Green State University Student Tech Center has responded with the presentation, "Identity Theft

Defense - What Every Student Should Know."

Many students may not feel the need to worry. However, presenter Thomas Roberts, ITS security analyst says student's inexperience with financial matters and limited credit history makes them particularly vulnerable. The campus community is urged to attend to learn more about ways to protect their identities.

The presentation will be held today at 2:00 p.m. in 200 Saddlemire Student Services.

Comedian on his way to BG

By Christy Jenkins
REPORTER

Your car doors are frozen shut because of inches upon inches of ice.

You don't want to venture out on snow covered roads to have some fun.

You are starting to think that this winter will be a long winter. But life on campus is about to become a little more entertaining, thanks in part to the many events the University Activities Organization has planned for the spring semester.

UAO is bringing Comedy Central stand-up comedian Dane Cook to Koblack Hall on April 30. Tickets should be available in late February, but students are encouraged to visit the UAO Web site for updates.

"It's always good to have a comedian because just about everybody likes to laugh," Ryan Reiterman, President of UAO, said. "With a concert, you have some people who like to go to country concerts, some like rock, and some like rap. But just about everyone likes to laugh."

In addition to bringing Cook

to campus, UAO also is sponsoring free movie nights at the Union. The movies reflect a variety of genres, from comedy to action to romance, in order to appeal to a larger number of students.

"We try to cater to a lot of people and reach the most people we can," Reiterman said. "You can't appeal to everyone's likes and wants and needs, but we

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Past UAO Events

Black Eyed Peas and Nappy Roots: Homecoming fall 2003

The Donnas, Real Big Fish, and OK Go: Spring 2003

DL Hughley: Spring 2003

Ludacris: Homecoming Fall 2003

David Chappelle, Jamie Kennedy, and Dane Cook: Spring 2002

Look Out

Below

Students, faculty find themselves high off the ground in a confidence building exercise.

By Andrew Scharf
REPORTER

Even though the safety equipment has been discussed and double checked it's still difficult to not break a sweat. Despite knowing there are several safety measures, the only safety measures running through your head are the mats on the ground and the rope keeping you in the air. Two seconds later all the nervous thoughts are gone, replaced by the thought of immediately doing it again.

University students and faculty had the opportunity to experience the thrill of rappelling yesterday. Bowling Green Army ROTC conducted rappel training on the wrestling deck of Memorial Hall from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The training session offered participants more than just thrills. "We want to provide an opportunity for everyone to build their confidence," Master Sgt. William Kyle said.

The BG ROTC conducts the training session once every semester. Anyone was able to participate after filling out a waiver form.

The training session was setup into three different stages. There were two confidence building training areas for those rap-

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Ashley Kuntz BG News

ABOVE: Matthew Fraley, senior ROTC member, looks to Major Todd Pisarski while dropping from the rafters of Anderson Arena. Yesterday, students, faculty and staff were allowed to participate in building confidence exercise which involved rappelling.

LEFT: Chris Rosebrock, high school senior and applicant for ROTC descends from the ceiling. At the bottom, Erin Herald a junior ROTC member awaits his arrival.



SNOW IN SOUTHERN OHIO



Al Behrman AP Photo

WINTER WEATHER: Icicles hang from a garage overlooking downtown Cincinnati yesterday. Cincinnati received its first major snowfall of the season. Dozens of school districts closed Monday after the city's heaviest snowfall blanketed the region with 4 to 7 inches on Sunday. The University of Cincinnati canceled all classes.

Flu mist still available, important in eyes of health practitioners

By Scott Niles
SENIOR REPORTER

During the first week of January the Center for Disease Control saw a major decrease in the influenza virus, however this may not be the last we see of it this year.

Betty Desilvio, a nurse at the Student Health Center said that the CDC predicts that we will have another flurry of the flu yet this season.

The way that the virus works Desilvio said is that there are certain peak points where the virus is more prone to spread. The peak months for the flu epidemic are November through January.

This is the best time for people to get flu shots or flu mist. However, flu shots and mist are available other times as well.

The only problem is that much of the area, including the Student Health Center are out of the flu shots and probably will not be getting more currently. However the flu mist is available to people that meet the criteria.

People are still encouraged to go out and get the flu mist since the flu

flurry might not quite be over yet.

The CDC website said that the national percentage of reported influenza attacks have decreased by 2.8 percent in the past month.

Although this is the case, the CDC predicts that with the cold weather upon us they think there will be a sudden on slaught of this virus again before February.

Desilvio said that many people think of the flu as vomiting, nausea and fever. However, she said that the flu is actually a respiratory infection brought on through the closeness of someone who is affected with the virus.

"Not everyone who is around the flu will get it," Desilvio said.

However she cautions people to take full advantage of the free flu mists that are being offered at the Student Health Center.

"Even if you would get the flu after having a flu shot or flu mist the symptoms would be much milder

"Even if you would get the flu after having a flu shot or flu mist the symptoms would be much milder than if you had not gotten the immunization.."

BETTY DESILVIO, NURSE AT THE STUDENT HEALTH CENTER

than if you had not gotten the immunization," she said.

During this flu season Desilvio said that 750 flu mists and 1,200 flu shots were given out to students and faculty at the University. According to Desilvio and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention we have not seen the last of this seasonal virus. The flu hit many parts of the country this season spreading symptoms in full force; however students and everyone else need to prepare for another break out of the influenza virus.

FOUR-DAY FORECAST

The four-day forecast is taken from weather.com

THURSDAY



Mostly Cloudy
High: 24°
Low: 8°

FRIDAY



Snow Showers
High: 20°
Low: 2°

SATURDAY



Partly Cloudy
High: 21°
Low: 7°

SUNDAY



Few Snow Showers
High: 25°
Low: 15°

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Bodies found in Mexico

Eleven bodies found backyard and may be in connection with drug battle.

By Reyes Ramos
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CIUDAD JUAREZ, Mexico — Police have dug up 11 bodies in the backyard of a house in this Mexican border city, in what they called the latest evidence of a growing drug battle being waged along the U.S.-Mexico frontier.

The victims were apparently rivals of the Vicente Carrillo drug gang, and were executed with "extreme violence" as long as six months to one year ago, Attorney General Rafael Macedo de la Concha said. Several of the victims had been strangled or suffocated.

"This is a war among drug traffickers," Macedo de la Concha said. "It is a confrontation between cartels for territory."

"The Vicente Carrillo cartel is known for seizing and executing rivals or people who failed to carry out orders," he told reporters in Mexico City. Referring to the 11 bodies, he said "as far as we know, they were victims of organized crime, given the way they were executed."

Officials said yesterday they believed they had found all the bodies buried at the property, but they were still searching to make sure none remained.

"If we have to demolish the house, we're going to demolish it," Deputy Attorney General Jose Luis Santiago Vasconcelos said in Mexico City.

Mexican investigators said the property appeared to be a safe house for Humberto Santillan Tabares, who was arrested Jan. 15

across the border in El Paso, Texas. Mexican authorities identified Santillan as one of Carrillo's chief lieutenants, alleged to be one of Mexico's major drug traffickers.

Leticia Zamarripa, a spokeswoman with the U.S. Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, confirmed that Santillan was arrested in El Paso with more than 10 pounds of cocaine, although she said his first name was listed as Heriberto.

Drug smugglers often use several different names, and it was unclear which was Santillan's real first name. He was in federal custody awaiting trial, and no date has been set.

Four bodies were found over the weekend, and seven others were uncovered under a concrete patio that officials ripped up Monday.

Authorities said they also discovered three bags of clothing. Some of it was identified by the

relatives of two people who disappeared on Jan. 14.

Neighbors said the house, in a quiet, middle-class neighborhood, was the home of a couple with two children. Asking that their names not be used, they told reporters that they often saw people dressed as federal police officers coming and going, but noted nothing else peculiar.

Drug groups often pose as police, but sometimes also enlist corrupt lawmen.

The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration says Carrillo is one of the key figures who took over a Ciudad Juarez-based drug organization that had been led by his brother Amado, who died in 1997 after plastic surgery in Mexico City.



Ruben Ramirez AP Photo

ONLOOKER: A neighborhood child, on his way to school yesterday morning, stops to take a look at a dwelling surrounded by crime scene tape where police dug up 11 bodies in the backyard.

BG NEWS

BRIEFING

Indians pitcher asks forgiveness for role in gay porn

CLEVELAND (AP) — Indians minor leaguer Kazuhito Tadano is asking for forgiveness for what he called a one-time mistake — his appearance in a gay porn video in which he engaged in a homosexual act.

Tadano took part in the video three years ago when he was a college student. Sitting in the Cleveland clubhouse Tuesday, the pitcher said he hoped to put his actions in the past.

"All of us have made mistakes in our lives," Tadano said, reading a statement in English. "Hopefully, you learn from them and move on."

Shunned by Japanese baseball teams, the 23-year-old Tadano signed with the Indians last March.

"[Having a group like UAO sponser these events] is something where you can call your friends at Dayton, call your friends at Miami and say hey man, we're having Dane Cook up here-we had Ludacris here."

RYAN REITERMAN, UAO PRESIDENT

UAO strives to bring entertainment to town

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can try to do our best."

UAO is also sponsoring a band, 10 Shades, for Dance Marathon.

Reiterman said that a large combination of things, such as student input, successful events in the past and ideas from UAO members help determine future programming.

Members of UAO work all year to plan events that they think will bring

a little entertainment to the University.

"[Having a group like UAO sponsor these events] is something where you can call your friends at Dayton, call your friends at Miami and say hey man, we're having Dane Cook up here-we had Ludacris here," Reiterman said.

"It's something we hope students take pride in."

From Reiterman's perspective, UAO, the major programming board for undergradu-

ate students, is a big part of life at the University.

"I always get told that this is a suitcase town, but this is something I hope will make students want to stay around," he said.

For more information on UAO programming, or to get involved, visit the UAO Web site at <http://www.bgsu.edu/studentlife/organizations/uao/final.htm>

ROTC lets participants hang from the rafters

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elling for the first time. The first area explained how to make yourself fall and how to brake. Tightening the line behind the small of the back, brakes and loosening the line while moving it parallel to your hips—falls. The first stage also lets the person know how the safety equipment works.

The second confidence building stage lets participants rappel down the north side bleachers. This stage gave the participant a short fall. The bleachers give you a place to brace your feet as you descend.

After going through the confidence building stages the next step is rappelling from the rafters. The final stage was a drop of over 30

feet. There were no bleachers to brace your feet and slow the fall. All that a participant could use was the skills that they learned during the two confidence stages.

Rappelling is used by the military when trying to enter hard to reach places. When an aircraft is unable to touch down on the ground, rappelling is used to get the soldiers to the desired location. Rappelling can also be used for descending buildings and towers during urban maneuvers.

The Bowling Green Army ROTC uses rappelling to build cadet character.

"Rappelling helps cadets overcome their fear of heights and become better leaders," Kyle said.

The cadets present were enthusiastic about rappelling. Some of the cadets did five or more drops in an hour time. Every jump is heralded by cheers of support and improvement tips from the other cadets and officers.

Building confidence was a theme throughout the day. Participants, not just the cadets came for the challenge.

"Once a year I do something that I'm petrified of," Lori Young, a graphic design professor said.

Young seemed terrified during her first rappel but quickly went back for a second round after her first try.

She was impressed by the cadets' ability to stay in control of what appears to be an uncontrollable situation.

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BACHELOR/BACHELORETTE AUCTION BY BG 24

The men and women of BG 24 News are having a date auction to raise money for Dance Marathon, Thursday from 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. in the Union's Falcon Nest. Winning bidders will receive a free movie with one of the bachelors or bachelorettes from BG 24 News.

CAMPUS

www.bgnews.com/campus

Jaywalking prompts U. Kentucky to react

By Tracy Kershaw-Staley
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

Human Frogger, it seems, has replaced basketball as the University of Kentucky's most cherished sport.

Every day on the campus, pedestrians dart across lanes of traffic in one of the most congested areas of the city, sometimes standing in the middle of the road waiting for traffic to clear. Last semester, six pedestrians were hit by cars on the campus, according to UK and Lexington police records.

With a new semester under way, UK police have a strategy to corral jaywalkers back into cross-

walks: jaywalking citations. In Kentucky, they carry a \$20 fine, plus \$110.50 in court costs.

Campus police have also seen a rise in speeding on campus, Manley said. The combination of jaywalking and speeding has created a dangerous situation, he said.

Officers will be handing out educational brochures and warnings for the first few weeks of the semester at several campus intersections. They will then begin doling out jaywalking citations.

Yet some students said they doubt that will deter jaywalking, a practice many see as necessary

to get around the campus.

"I think they'll just think it's a joke," said senior Katie Austin.

Austin, who works at Kennedy Bookstore on South Limestone Street, has a prime view of jaywalking.

"It won't stop me," said Sarah Liesinger, who also works at Kennedy's. "I've done it for 23 years, and I've never been hit yet."

UK wants to have a pedestrian-friendly campus, university officials say, but the school's location makes that difficult. Many of the city's main thoroughfares touch the campus boundaries.

get a life

The calendar of events is taken from
<http://www.bgsu.edu/calendar/calendar.html>

8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
3D Stone, Oil, Photography and Ceramics Exhibit
Bowen-Thompson Student Union Galleries

9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
UAO Poster Sale
Bowen-Thompson Student Union Multipurpose Room

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Education Abroad Information Table
Bowen-Thompson Student Union Lobby

Noon - 6 p.m.
Raffle
P.O.E.T.S. will be selling raffle tickets for Cleveland Cavs tickets, with the profits going to a community trip to New York City.
Bowen-Thompson Student Union Lobby

Noon - 1 p.m.
Brown Bag Lunch: "Fashion Frenzy: Observations from a Female Entrepreneur in BG." Erin Norman, owner of Diversity Boutique and graduate stu-

dent here at BGSU, speaks about her experiences owning her own business at age 23.
The Women's Center
107 Hanna Hall

1 - 4 p.m.
Major Exploration Fair for Undecided and Exploring Students
Major Mania will give students valuable information to help with declaring a major and researching related career fields, all in a festive atmosphere.
101 Olscamp Hall

2 - 3 p.m.
Identity Theft — What Students Should Know
The January Student Tech Monthly Spotlight will be a presentation by Thomas Roberts, ITS Security Analyst on the topic of Student Identity Theft. Plan to attend to learn more about this crime and what you can do to prevent being a victim of identity theft.
200 Saddle Creek Student Services

3:30 p.m.
Education Abroad Re-entry Session

This session is for all students who studied abroad during spring 2003, summer 2003 or during the entire 2002-2003 academic year. Come share your overseas experience with other returnees.
1103 Offenhauer West

6 - 7 p.m.
Wild & Wacky Wednesday with Corey Hawkey
Performance by Corey Hawkey, an acoustic guitarist, sponsored by Bowen-Thompson Student Union Programs
Bowen-Thompson Student Union Falcon's Nest

8 p.m.
Faculty Artist Series: Katherine Freudigman
Recital series featuring faculty of the College of Musical Arts. Free and open to the public.
Bryan Recital Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center

Offenhauer make-over set to continue through 2005

By Lindsay Bell
REPORTER

The first phase of renovating the Offenhauer Towers is near completion with Phase II set to begin this summer and Phase III scheduled for the summer of 2005.

According to Jim Zentmeyer, associate director for Residence Life, other renovations are planned for Kohl Hall, Rogers, Kreischer, Harshman, Conklin and Founders.

The scheduled improvements for summer will include voice and data connections for residence hall rooms, lounges, offices and labs. Along with new windows, masonry work will take place as well as improvements to the toilet and shower rooms. Fire alarms and sprinkler systems will also be worked on.

According to Tim Burns, senior project manager of Design and Construction, these renovations will take place during the summer months so it doesn't become an inconvenience to students.

"Some of the areas that will undergo renovations haven't been touched for 25 years, and it's time for updates, Zentmeyer said. "It is time for renovations to take place again."

Over the summer, Rogers Hall will receive new furniture, doors and circuits, along with many other improvements. Kohl Hall will also receive new windows, doors and other small renovations.

According to Zentmeyer, though there has been talk, and even rumors of demolishing Rogers Hall, it isn't a project for the near future.

"The thought of demolishing a 600-bed dorm is unrealistic to have completed during one summer," he said.

The Offenhauer Towers and other campus renovations have been a definite economic commitment. These renovations are funded by a \$12 million bond along with other secondary sources.

"Raising tuition in order to pay for renovations is a decision that is not to be taken lightly," Zentmeyer said. "We need to balance cost and our facilities. We don't want to make our University out of reach, but we need to move on."

Editor's Note: For more information about upcoming renovations, contact the Office of Residence Life at 372-2011.

THE CAMPUS BLOTTER

Monday, Jan. 26

An ill female was transported by ambulance to Wood County Hospital from McDonald West.

Complainant reported he lost his cellular phone on campus.

Complainant reported a computer was stolen from a room in

the Business Administration Building.

Complainant reported that she had an argument with another student in Kreischer-Ashley.

A subject was transported from the Perry Field House by ambulance to Wood County Hospital

for a dislocated finger.

A student, with a serious nose bleed, refused transport to the hospital from McDonald East.

Richard Lombardo, of Mentor, Ohio, was cited for drug possession in Founders.

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*"I didn't know who she was."*ASHTON KUTCHER, on first meeting his girlfriend Demi Moore.
(newsweek.com)

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OPINION

Same-sex marriage bill not fair

U-wire | Ohio State University

The Ohio Senate passed a bill last Wednesday to ban same-sex marriage and deny spousal benefits to live-in partners of state workers.

Gov. Bob Taft is set to sign the Defense of Marriage Act this week, making Ohio the first state to define marriage since November, when the Massachusetts Supreme Court recognized same-sex unions.

Ohio law already defines marriage as a union between a man and a woman, but supporters of the bill say reaffirming the definition is needed to prevent Ohio from being forced to recognize same-sex marriages granted by other states or countries.

The ban on same-sex marriages is nothing unusual, with 38 states having similar laws. There is nothing wrong with providing the people of the state

with a definition of marriage, but Ohio's new bill crosses the line by denying the benefits of marriage to live-in partners of state workers.

Many straight partners as well as gay partners live together without being married. To deny them the benefits of marriage because they have not gone through a formal ceremony is not fair.

Many couples want to get

established in their careers before they get married. Couples should not be punished by living together for a period of time before they get married, if they get married at all.

This new law will have a direct impact on university employees in Ohio. If Ohio universities want to attract the best faculty and staff, this is a step in the wrong direction.

A professor who receives an

offer to come to Ohio and has a live-in boyfriend or girlfriend will not be able to obtain marriage benefits for his or her partner.

The passage of this bill will deter people who are interested in becoming employed by the state of Ohio from becoming state employees. People want a complete compensation package when they are seeking employment.

The bill passed through the

Senate by a slim margin of 18-15. Even some Republican senators such as Steve Strivers from Columbus, whose party members are the proponents of the bill, does not support the bill because he believes an unnecessary extra leap was taken referring to the denial of benefits.

Striver would have supported a bill which had the simple intention of defining marriage.

Liberals are truly lost in space

GINA TORTORELLA

Guest Columnist

So the left ran out of arguments and have resorted to a week of "Mars attacks."

It seems like everyday in *The BG News* someone is complaining about President Bush. They don't bother with issues like national security or domestic policies; instead they have turned to the skies.

It seems that liberals have completely run out of rational arguments and are desperate for anything that puts a negative spin on the president.

Now, there are some random times when people still believe in the old liberal arguments that have been beaten down by conservative ideology. The best example is Iraq.

What happened in Iraq was a good thing. After Sept. 11, we decided that we could no longer take any chances. On Sept. 10, Afghanistan didn't seem like a threat worthy of our time. Saddam was a danger in power, whether he had stockpiles of weapons of mass destruction or not.

He had programs to produce weapons of mass destruction, including mobile laboratories. These programs needed to be stopped. We knew the people who hated us were attempting to kill us; let's stop them before they do.

Gone are the Clinton years of not taking Bin Laden from the Sudan's government and watching buildings and ships explode while doing nothing except an intern or two.

Iraq has also had a strong impact on other nations to create a safer and better world. The Philippine government is negotiating with Muslim extremists for the first time, and Libya wants to give up their weapons of mass destruction.

The best and funniest arguments that liberals keep tossing out there really start to make me think they should stick to saying "Mars is bad." These arguments are: We are making the people who hate us, hate us even more, the world is against us, and Bush is a simple minded Texan.

If they hate us to the point that they are willing to fly airplanes into buildings and kill themselves in the process, I don't think it matters if we make them mad. Can they really hate us more than that?

The world is not against us. The United Nations is a joke. Any group that puts Libya in charge of civil rights and has ignored Iraqi violations for a decade is not a group that can make any good decisions.

France and Germany opposed this war for their own personal political agenda. It is no secret that they were buying cheap oil from Iraq and selling them weapons. Ask a soldier or watch "War Stories" and see for yourself how the ammunition shot at our brave troops was stamped "Made in France."

Whether you like this or not, Bush is a smart guy. This "simple minded Texan" was raised in New England and has degrees from both Harvard and Yale. It's not so easy to call him simple minded considering he is from the same area as all the liberal heroes for example — JFK. Not

to mention that Bush can fly a plane and their precious Kennedy could only drive a boat.

Bush's Mars agenda is better than Kennedy's man on the moon. There was an opinion column recently that said that they were inspired by Kennedy and the moon but not by Bush and Mars.

Well, of course. It's because you are a liberal and no matter what Bush does, he is wrong.

I wonder if those brave Cubans who died at the Bay of Pigs were inspired by "no air cover" Kennedy. Not to mention the Cuban missile crisis blunder. Yes, he got us out of it, but it was his disaster in the first place.

Liberals have run out of arguments. They argued Bush on Iraq until they realized that their precious Clinton did similar acts. Blowing up a Chinese embassy and an aspirin factory is OK when it's done by a Democrat.

The left seems to have no morals or principles, they are just against Republicans. They don't argue ideology — they argue against Bush because he is a Republican and "Republicans are bad." If Clinton invaded Iraq there would have been no fuss.

Once again, the left has been proven wrong on all aspects of Bush's policy. The United States/Iraqi conflict has influenced the world and made it a safer place, and the economy is experiencing a boom caused by Bush's tax cuts. This has forced the left to point up at the sky and scream "Mars!"

Forget left field, forget the stadium, forget the planet, Liberals are truly lost in space.

PEOPLE ON THE STREET

If you were on a deserted island and could have only one item, what would it be?

ELIZABETH CHRISSMAN
FRESHMAN, IPC

"Chapstick."

ABBY STIEGEMEIER
FRESHMAN, UNDECIDED

"Chipotle."

ROB MOSGROBE
SENIOR, TOURISM

"A case of bourbon."

MISSY BALZER
SENIOR, CRIMINAL JUSTICE

"A guy with a six pack."

Incompetence has left us in the dark

AT ISSUE Should Davis-Besse restart operations?

RUSS ZIMMER
Opinion Columnist

In March 2002, Davis-Besse, a nuclear power plant in Oak Harbor, Ohio, shutdown for routine repairs when workers discovered "the worst case of corrosion atop a U.S. nuclear reactor head," according to the Toledo Blade. A report by the Union of Concerned Scientists contends that thousands of people could have been killed if the reactor head had blown — a figure that FirstEnergy, the utility company that owns Davis-Besse, denies.

Davis-Besse is now being reviewed by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), and hopes to restart operations in February. The NRC has prevented the plant from re-opening since December 2003. The question is whether Davis-Besse and FirstEnergy are responsible enough to operate a potentially great source of energy/disaster.

In the December inspections, the Blade reported that there were so many citations for safety that the NRC didn't have an exact count. Operators were not able to explain how to prevent routine buildups of pressure in the reactor. What's worse was that some workers crucial to operating the plant, led inspectors to believe that they were unsure about the time they were supposed to report for duty.

Earlier this month, a communication error at Davis-Besse allowed the emergency power system to run for two hours before shifting to the back-up system, causing FirstEnergy to cancel its special restart meeting with the NRC. All of these mistakes were made while the reactor was running in non-nuclear mode, preventing any chance of danger to the public safety.

I'm not going to debate the pros and cons of nuclear power, I'm not that scientifically inclined to understand its power. I do know that a nuclear plant, which has a record of poor safety and an owner that needs its restart to rebound from a disappointing fiscal year in 2003, are a dangerous mix.

But would FirstEnergy really put the public in danger for profits? According to the work-

ers of Davis-Besse the answer is: Yes.

A consultant for FirstEnergy surveyed the employees of Davis-Besse and found that in some essential departments, workers are tired from working long hours and frustrated from being rushed by management, the Cleveland Plain Dealer said. The NRC concluded in its initial investigation that management was putting dollars and voltage ahead of safety.

From a business standpoint it's easy to see why FirstEnergy has invested \$535 million in order to restart the plant since its shutdown in March 2002. Not to mention that last year FirstEnergy had its profits cut in half, partially due to the blackout on Aug. 14. Oh wait, that was their fault, too.

According to a report sanctioned by the Department of Energy, FirstEnergy almost single-handedly caused the largest blackout in U.S. history. Fifty million people lost their power that day, not to mention the \$6 billion in economic damage. Apparently, one of the primary causes of the blackout was that FirstEnergy failed to trim trees around its major transmission lines.

So to review, FirstEnergy/Davis-Besse employees don't know when to come to work or what to do when they are there. Employees don't trust management, neither does the NRC.

FirstEnergy effectively shutdown eight states and parts of Canada less than a year ago with the massive blackout it caused by not trimming its hedges — bringing us back to the beginning when workers stumbled upon extreme corrosion in Davis-Besse's reactor head, narrowly averting a nuclear disaster.

What FirstEnergy doesn't seem to understand is that neglecting simple, fundamental duties can have major consequences.

Hey, if they can straighten up their act, I say turn the bad boy back on. I need that juice to run my food dehydrator, purchased from a kindly old gentleman on QVC late last night. After all, there are plenty of mountains in Nevada just begging to be filled with radioactive waste.

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Airwaves cleared of music diversity



MEGAN SCHMIDT

Opinion Columnist

Nobody likes a bully.

But in every aspect of life, in every social setting, there seems to be one. From the time you first encounter that sixth-grade chump who steals your lunch money on a daily basis (and who you are certain has repeated several grade levels in order to attain his status), to the time you find yourself becoming a literal doormat for the more aggressive set in the workplace, there always has been, and always will be, someone with both the will and the power to come along and screw things up for everybody else. As long as it benefits him or her.

The music industry, of course, is no exception.

However, the industry's big bully planned its assault sneakily, gradually and, unfortunately, quite effectively. This bully is Clear Channel Entertainment.

In only a few short years, Clear Channel has quietly come to dominate not only radio programming, but also tour promotions and venue bookings across the country. In fact, "dominating" may not even be the correct word choice here. "Suffocating" may be more accurate.

Clear Channel currently owns about 1,200 radio stations in the United States, and controls programs heard by more than a billion people worldwide. That's one-sixth of the world's population.

Clear Channel also owns SFX Entertainment, the hands-down most powerful financial supporter for music tours and owner of countless venues, arenas and amphitheaters in almost every major city market in the country.

What this basically boils down to is: If you, as an artist, DJ, venue owner, promoter or as any

other of a number of occupations in the industry, aren't somehow linked with Clear Channel; then you probably won't have your job for much longer. That is, if you haven't already lost your job to Clear Channel.

So, what's the big deal, you ask?

Even if Clear Channel eventually owned everything that could be owned in the music industry (not technically possible since they would not be allowed to monopolize the market like that; however I say they're close enough as they are), it might not be the disaster that some people would predict.

Sure, Clear Channel provides a certain stability for the music business, but that's only for those who do get the chance to work for them. Anybody else is simply left out in the cold.

And the music industry isn't about stability. Music is an art, and through Clear Channel's reign of promoting strings of monotonous, watered-down, unchallenging "hit" music, we are forgetting that.

They are not willing to invest time or money into supporting and distributing new music that is creative, assertive and challenging to listeners. Instead, they rely on the formula of whatever has made them money in the past. They don't take chances on anything that might not sell.

An album that does not go platinum is now considered a flop. This is wrong! Art is a risk! Art is making waves! Art is creating something that expresses one's unique point-of-view! Art is not the new Linkin Park single. Sorry. It's just not.

It's totally comprehensible and acceptable that bands and people in the music industry want to make profit from their work. At the end of the day, it is just like any other job.

You want to be rewarded for what you do, and that's fine. But

with Clear Channel pulling virtually all of the strings, it seems that business has taken a huge precedence.

It has become more important than producing quality music that people will enjoy years from now and say, "you know? That was a great song." Everything is so disposable. Amazing bands and artists are overlooked every day because they don't have the Britney Spears appeal.

What about that quirky little local band you love to see play in your hometown on the weekend? Yeah, I bet they're great, but do you think a Clear Channel-operated station is willing to take a chance by playing any of their stuff?

Highly doubtful.

And what if that band wants to get booked somewhere other than the local bar? It's going to be quite a feat if our good pals at Clear Channel have something to say about it. Which, of course, they will.

To be perfectly honest, I don't know what should be done about this.

Ideally, Clear Channel should give up some of their rights, sell some of what they've acquired in the past few years and allow stations and venues to run themselves. Get some local color and some individuality back into the music industry. The public, though they may not realize it now after a few years of Clear Channel tyranny, would appreciate it. I truly believe they would.

Is this actually going to happen? Or will Clear Channel continue to gobble up every media outlet in sight until the people fight back for variety in their musical diet?

Hopefully, Clear Channel will surrender before it's too late — for its own good, because though nobody may like a bully, nobody likes a sore loser, either.

The popularity contest of 2004

ADAM JONES

U-wire Columnist

Things could be worse — you could be running for president.

And it doesn't quite matter who you are — Howard Dean, John Kerry or John Edwards — any of the Democratic presidential candidates who seriously competed in the Iowa Caucuses earlier this week. Not because of who won (Kerry) or who lost (Gephardt) and by how much (a lot), but because of what they had to do in order to be competitive.

And it's not just in Iowa: For those candidates who wish to stay in the race, this exercise in democracy is just beginning — but I'm already sore. Watching recent news of these presidential aspirants, one integral part of the presidential primary kabuki dance started to irk me: endorsements.

Have you ever based your vote on an endorsement? Probably not — polls show that endorsements alone don't sway large blocks of voters. In fact, after then-Gov. George W. Bush lost the New Hampshire Primary to Sen. John McCain, he axed the effusive endorsements he was picking up at each campaign stop. He realized that people cared more about who he was than what Dan Quayle thought of him.

It must take a healthy ego to endorse a presidential candidate and expect it to mean something. Look at Michael Moore's recent endorsement of retired Gen. Wesley Clarke. Does Moore really believe that "As I go, so goes a sizeable chunk of the nation?"

In Moore's case, that might be right; but paranoid, hippy street dwellers are terribly unpredictable on Election Day, and usually don't donate much.

Indeed, Clarke has been racking up the wacky endorsements lately.

Last week, he proudly accept-

ed the endorsement of one of the biggest losers in Democratic history — former Sen. George McGovern. Isn't he someone the candidates should go out of their way not to get endorsed by?

Receiving the support of a political pariah is an old fear, but one seemingly lost on Clarke. "Walter Mondale got some good news today about a Jimmy Carter endorsement," former President Reagan deadpanned during his re-election campaign. "He won't be getting it."

Yet, Howard Dean has gone out of his way to get the Carter endorsement — only to be met with a stinging "I'm not endorsing him" by Carter himself.

Dean traveled to Georgia last Sunday to worship with the former president, all the while contending that Carter had invited him. According to Carter, Dean invited himself, which made Dean look more opportunist than statesman.

Which is not to say that the rest of the Democrats aren't opportunistic when it comes to endorsing. Only a few days before she decided to drop out, former Ambassador Carol Moseley Braun was actively pummeling Dean and the rest of her Democratic competitors.

When she dropped out, she enthusiastically endorsed Dean, and promptly joined his campaign earning \$20,000 a month as a "traveling aide." Can you take such payoffs masquerading as endorsements seriously?

They aren't anything more than the realization that "I know that I can't win, and I hope that you don't win, but in case you do, I want to be on your Christmas card list." It probably wasn't very easy for Dean to make nice with Braun, either — but at least it looked convincing on stage.

The same cannot be said for Sen. Ted Kennedy's endorsement of Sen. John Kerry. Any shred of credibility was lost earlier this week in Iowa after Kerry thanked Kennedy for his support, calling him "the conscience of the

United States Senate."

That doesn't say much for the state of moral rectitude in the Senate if Ted Kennedy is the standard-bearer of all things good and just. If Kerry can't get endorsements without effusively stroking the egos of his endorsers, what's the point?

And that's my issue with endorsements: What is the point?

Nearly every Republican in the United States endorsed Bush during the 2000 GOP Primaries, and I still voted for McCain. If anything, I thought less of the endorsers, not more of the endorsee.

Let's drop the focus on endorsements. At a time when America needs serious leadership, the last thing I want to hear is Madonna extolling the virtues of Wes Clarke, or Al Gore pretending he's a real person with Howard Dean. If these men want to lead our country, they need to pull a play from John McCain: focus more on who you are and less on what others think of you.

Of course, McCain did this because, as he would admit, few prominent politicians really liked him. But his strategy was effective: hold as many town hall meetings as you can, hear the stories of as many people as are willing to tell them and don't waste time with the political flatulence of self-interested supporters.

McCain's determination that voters know him, and not some image constructed by prominent well-wishers, added meaning to the primaries. And if the Democrats hope to knock off Bush in November, they will need that kind of substance. As you can imagine, it's the presidential candidates themselves who suffer most in this whole ordeal. They surround themselves with political hacks and try to build a winning coalition of self-interested sycophants. It's like high school class elections run amok.

Maybe Gephardt won after all.

Strange Ohio Laws

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WHAT A MESS: Ashland Fire Departments Ken Gardner, left, and John Horpening check the ammonia levels in the air with an ammonia meter at the scene of an accident on Interstate 71, at U.S. Route 250 in Ashland, Ohio, on Monday. The north and southbound lanes of the interstate as well as the U.S. Route 250 overpass were closed to traffic.

Ammonia spill closes I-71, 10-mile backups

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ASHLAND, Ohio — Northbound Interstate 71 reopened yesterday after workers cleared wreckage of a commercial truck that overturned and spilled 5,000 gallons of aqua ammonia, the State Highway Patrol said.

Traffic in the Ashland area, located between Cleveland and Columbus, was moving normally by the morning rush hour.

The crash had caused 10-mile backups in both directions on Monday. About 41,000 vehicles use the stretch of highway daily.

Southbound lanes of I-71 reopened about 11 p.m. Monday, about 10 1/2 hours after the acci-

dent forced the closure of more than 15 miles of the highway in both directions.

No evacuations were necessary because of the spill.

The truck was traveling northbound on I-71 when it was struck by a Toyota Camry about 12:30 p.m. Monday, the patrol said. The truck overturned and hit a bridge abutment.

The truck's driver, Glen A. Sharp, 48, of Demotte, Ind., was in stable condition early yesterday at Samaritan Hospital, a nursing supervisor said.

The driver of the Toyota, Joseph R. Demarest, of Loveland, was cited for failure to control, said Stacey Lucas, secretary for the patrol in Ashland. Demarest was

not injured.

Winty weather did not appear to be a factor in the accident, authorities said.

Detouring traffic overwhelmed rural Lodi, located along I-71 about 18 miles north of the crash. Lodi's main traffic light through town was knocked out of service by a 90-minute power outage that began about 3:30 p.m. Monday during an ice storm.

Aqua ammonia, also known as ammonium hydroxide, is often used in fertilizer, refrigerants or home cleaning products. Exposure to the chemical can cause breathing problems and throat or eye irritation.

STATE

Sentence reduced Mob boss gets break for testifying

By Thomas J. Sheeran
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CLEVELAND — A mob boss turned government informant got a sentencing break yesterday in return for five years of cooperation that helped break up organized crime in Youngstown and send a congressman, a sheriff and judges to prison.

Lenine Strollo, 73, walking stiffly with a cane, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Kathleen O'Malley to 12 years and eight months on a racketeering charge. He could have received up to 15 years.

The judge said she was willing to consider at least part of the leniency recommendation by prosecutors under the terms of a 1999 plea agreement that required his unlimited cooperation with any federal, state or local investigation.

Strollo already is serving a 10-year term for state charges of racketeering and attempted murder.

He could be finished with the state and federal terms by the end of 2008 with time off for good behavior, said his attorney, Roger Synenberg. The sentences will be served at the same time, under terms of the plea agreement.

O'Malley rejected a defense request to trim Strollo's sentence further to reflect his health problems, including a heart condition.

The U.S. Bureau of Prisons can treat Strollo's medical problems, said the judge, who directed the bureau to continue providing him with protection against retaliation by inmates who wound up in prison because of his testimony.

Strollo's expansive informa-

tion helped convict ex-U.S. Rep. James A. Traficant Jr., said assistant U.S. Attorney Craig Morford. That information included details about a contractor who did free work for Traficant in return for official favors.

Traficant, a Youngstown Democrat, is serving eight years in federal prison for bribery and racketeering. He was expelled from Congress in 2002.

"When Lennie Strollo told us something, it was like money in the bank," said Morford, who directed a 10-year corruption probe that led to scores of convictions in the Youngstown area.

"Lenny Strollo has done everything he promised to do," Morford said.

Strollo's help, and the government offer of leniency in return, were needed to break up a half-century hold by organized crime in Youngstown and the blue-collar Mahoning Valley located between Cleveland and Pittsburgh, Morford said.

A Strollo conviction without getting his help would only have meant passing the mob leadership to others, Morford said.

Strollo's assistance included information that led to the first conviction in 50 years for a mob killing in Youngstown, Morford said. He estimated there have been about 50 mob-related killings in the Youngstown area over the past 50 to 60 years.

Strollo also provided information about mob activities in Cleveland, Pittsburgh, Detroit and, to a lesser degree, New York, Morford said.

Strollo pleaded guilty in 1999 to the federal racketeering charge, which included a payoff to a sheriff in Youngstown. He was not sentenced until now so



AP Photo

TROUBLE: Youngstown's Lenine Strollo was sentenced yesterday to 12 years in prison.

he could assist prosecutors in their corruption probe.

Strollo was sentenced in 1999 on state charges of racketeering and the attempted murder of Mahoning County prosecutor-elect Paul J. Gains.

Gains, who was shot in his kitchen by a hired hit man, appeared in court Tuesday and said he wouldn't object to leniency for Strollo, given the goal of breaking up the mob in Youngstown.

Beyond him being shot and other crimes against individuals, "The entire county of Mahoning was a victim of his behavior," Gains said.

Melissa Rich, 34, of Youngstown, told the judge that Strollo deserved the harshest sentence possible for ordering the murder of her father, Ernie Biondillo, 54, a Strollo rival who was killed in 1996. Strollo testified against the hit men, who got life prison terms.

"Your murderous act has destroyed my family," Rich told Strollo, who tapped his hands on his cane and watched Rich without emotion. "You have deprived my daughter of ever knowing her grandfather."

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**Ohio State forward
out with foot injury**

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Ohio State forward Matt Sylvester will miss four to six weeks with an injured left foot, coach Jim O'Brien said yesterday.

Sylvester, a redshirt sophomore from Cincinnati, is averaging 3.1 points and 1.4 rebounds in 16 games for the Buckeyes.

Sylvester strained the plantar fascia in his arch. He is expected to make a full recovery.

He was injured in Saturday's 79-65 loss at Iowa.

**Bengals sign free
agent DE Jackson**

CINCINNATI (AP) — The Cincinnati Bengals yesterday signed free-agent defensive end LaDairis Jackson to a two-year contract.

Jackson, who played college football at Oregon State, will be entering his third NFL season.

The Bengals acquired him on waivers Oct. 22 from Washington. He was on the game-day inactive list for five games before the Bengals waived him on Nov. 25.

Jackson played in 15 games for Washington in 2002, with 2.5 sacks among his 15 tackles.

**Bears hire running
backs coach**

LAKE FOREST, Ill. (AP) — The Chicago Bears hired Tim Spencer as running backs coach yesterday, the same post he's held at Ohio State for 10 years.

Spencer, a running back at Ohio State from 1979-82, was the second player taken in the 1983 USFL draft. He played three seasons in that league, before playing for the San Diego Chargers from 1985-90.

Spencer and new Bears head coach Lovie Smith were on the Ohio State staff together in 1995.

**BG tennis
sweeps
YSU, falls to
Spartans**

By Will Curitore
SPORTS REPORTER

The Bowling Green State University tennis team returned to their winning ways on Sunday, defeating the Youngstown State Penguins 7-0.

The Falcons lost 6-1 to the Michigan State Spartans on Saturday.

The win over YSU helped the team improve to 3-1 in dual meet play.

Senior Lisa Maloney and junior Susie Schoenberger started the day off right for BG by shutting down YSU's Gina Peretti and Karen Najbert.

After that Andrea Meister and Heidi Romer won the closest match of the three, with an 8-6 victory over YSU's pair at the middle flight.

Cameron Benjamin and senior Jessica Johnson won an 8-3 decision over YSU's Whitney Thomas and Andrea Dixon.

Singles came next, along with a barrage of intensity from the Falcons, as they took all seven matches by a combined score of 72-32.

The most impressive performances included Lisa Maloney winning 6-0, 6-2 in the second match, and Andrea Meister winning 6-1, 6-0 at the sixth flight.

The Falcons now improve to 3-1 in dual match play, dating back to the 2003 part of the season.

The Youngstown State match was the last in the month of January as the Falcons' next meet will be Feb. 1 at Shadow Valley Tennis Club in Toledo. Bowling Green will be taking on the Wright State Raiders at 1 p.m.



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Columbus trades for center

By Rusty Miller
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The Columbus Blue Jackets dealt veteran defenseman Darryl Sydor to the Tampa Bay Lightning for center Alexander Svitov yesterday.

The trade also involved a swap of 2004 draft picks, the Blue Jackets picking up a third-rounder and giving up a fourth-round selection.

The Lightning, leading the Southeast Division, gain a steady, experienced hand on the blue line while Columbus adds youthful punch to an offense that ranks

28th of the 30 NHL teams in goals.

"Darryl Sydor is the top four defenseman we have been searching for for quite some time now," Tampa Bay general manager Jay Feaster said. "He will bring veteran leadership and significant playoff experience to our hockey club as he has already played more than 900 NHL regular season games and almost 100 Stanley Cup playoff games at the age of 31."

Sydor has two goals and 13 assists with 26 penalty minutes in 49 games for Columbus this sea-

son. He was acquired last year in a trade with Dallas in exchange for center Mike Sillinger and a second-round pick in the 2003 draft.

With most of the other Columbus defensemen missing sizable portions of the season due to injuries, Sydor was the one constant. He has assists in three of the last five games, including a helper on Rick Nash's overtime winner against Los Angeles Jan. 16.

The 6-1, 211-pound Sydor spent 11 seasons with the Kings and Dallas Stars, before joining

the Blue Jackets.

Svitov, 21, from Omsk, Russia, was the third overall draft pick in the 2001 draft. The 6-3, 217-pounder figures to see lots of ice time with another Russian, 19-year-old Nikolai Zherdev.

"Adding a big, physical forward like Alexander Svitov who is just 21 fills a critical need for our franchise because it's an area where we don't have a lot of depth," said Columbus general manager Doug MacLean.

One reason why Svitov was available is because the Lightning has depth at the posi-

tion in young stars Vincent Lecavalier and Brad Richards.

"Darryl Sydor is a great person and he was great for our team," MacLean said. "Having the opportunity to add a player who was the third overall pick just three years ago was too tough to pass up."

Svitov had four goals and four assists in 63 games a year ago for the Lightning. This season he has played only 11 games with Tampa Bay — spending most of the season with Hamilton of the American Hockey League — and had no goals and three assists.

Falcons stymied in second half

By Joel Hammond
SPORTS REPORTER

YPSILANTI, Mich. — You might say Eastern Michigan women's basketball player Ryan Coleman has Bowling Green's number.

Coleman, who scored 26 points in each of the two teams' meetings last year, entered last night's game averaging 17.7 points in Mid-American Conference play.

But the Eastern senior, was held to just two points in the first half and had just six with under a minute to play.

Coleman, though, came through when her team needed her the most, scoring Eastern's final three points in a 61-59 win at the Convocation Center. The Eagles, who have gone through a rocky season thus far, improved to 4-3 in the MAC. The Falcons fell to 4-2 in the MAC with the loss and fall a full two games behind West Division leader Western Michigan.

Coleman, on the biggest play of the game, beat Casey McDowell and laid the ball in with under 20 seconds left to give Eastern a four-point lead. After BG's Lindsay Austin hit a three with 8.3 seconds left, Coleman hit one of two free throws for the final margin. With no timeouts, BG's Carin Horne missed a deep three with three seconds left.

"This is a frustrating loss for us," BG coach Curt Miller said after the game. "We did a great job on the best player in the conference (Coleman) and put ourselves in position to get another big road win in the conference. We just got tentative against their zone."

BG led by as many as 10 points on separate occasions in the second half, the last of which came after two Ali Mann free throws made the lead 45-35. But the Falcons' offense succumbed to Eastern's zone pressure, and were forced into four shot clock violations in the second half. While stifling BG's offense, Eastern shot well in the second half, and took their first lead since they led 23-22 in the first half after an 8-0 run gave the hosts a 53-52 lead.

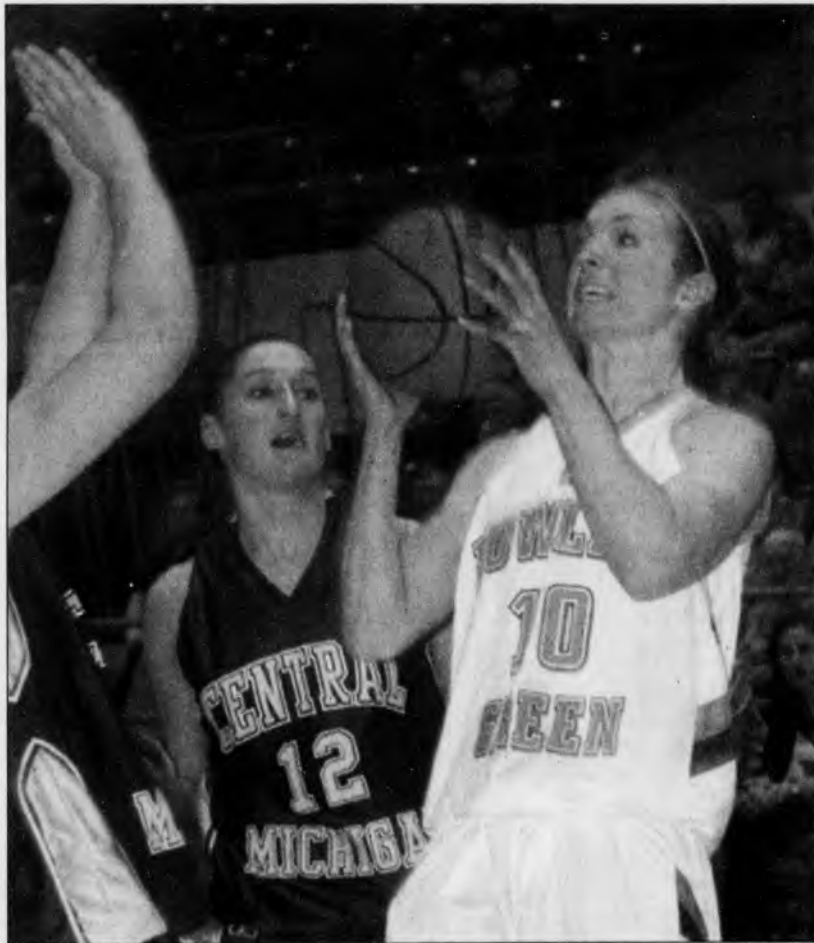
Mann and Eastern's Erika Ford traded free throws, and Coleman then hit two of her own. Mann hit two more, and after EMU's Nikki Knapp hit two, Stefanie Wenzel made one of two free throws, cutting Eastern's lead to 58-56 and setting up Coleman's heroics.

"We had multiple 30-second violations in the second half, and that's frustrating," Miller said. "We could not get good looks against their zone; we couldn't get it inside, and became tentative on the perimeter. We usually shoot people out of their zone, but we couldn't, and they got aggressive on the perimeter."

In the first half, Mann, playing near her hometown of Chelsea, Mich., scored 11 as BG led by as many as seven on two separate occasions nearly 16 minutes apart.

Stefanie Wenzel hit a jumper with 16 minutes left in the first half giving BG a 9-2 lead, and Mann scored six of her team's final eight points of the half — the last three of which came with under 10 seconds left — to give her team a 30-23 advantage.

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Ben Swanger BG News

STOPPED: Bowling Green's Stefanie Wenzel tries to get past two Central Michigan defenders on Jan. 17. Wenzel and the Falcons lost to Eastern Michigan last night, 61-59, falling to 4-2 in the MAC and two games behind West Division leader Western Michigan in a tight conference race.

Falcons set to take on MAC East's best

By Elliott Schreiner
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

To the average basketball fan, tonight's game between Bowling Green and Kent State looks like a no-brainer.

The Falcons are coming off a three-point loss to Toledo while the Flashes beat UT by 36 on Sunday.

"That means we're going to lose by 39," head coach Dan Dakich said jokingly in a Monday press conference.

While this probably won't be the case, Kent will provide BG with some stiff competition.

The Flashes come into the game with a Mid-American Conference best 6-1 record to go with an overall record of 12-

3. With last week's loss to Toledo, the Falcons come into the game with a record of 8-9 overall and 4-3 in conference play.

"Apparently, Kent is playing pretty good," Dakich said. "They get a lot of points out of their defense and out of conversions. They're a fun team to watch because of how hard they play."

The fun for the Flashes starts with guard Eric Haut. His 12.7 points per game lead the Flashes and his leadership speaks for itself. After losing center Nate Gerwig before the season started, it appeared that the Flashes would be in trouble, but this is not so.

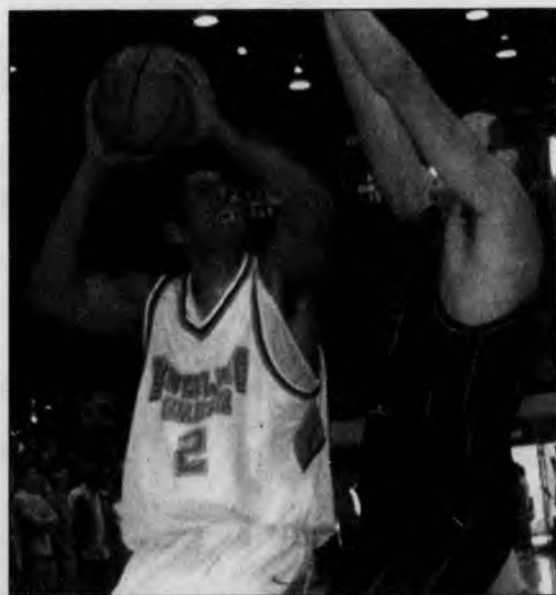
"If they lost Haut, it would be different," Dakich said. "Haut seems to be their guy."

DeAndre Haynes is also a concern for BG with his consistent play at the other guard spot. His 9.8 points, 5.3 assists, and 2.2 steals per contest are enough to give any team fits.

"Haynes has shown really good maturity," Dakich said. "He's the kind of player we haven't handled well, the bigger, stronger, quick guards who can shoot."

That isn't where the trouble ends for BG. Kent also brings seven-footer John Edwards

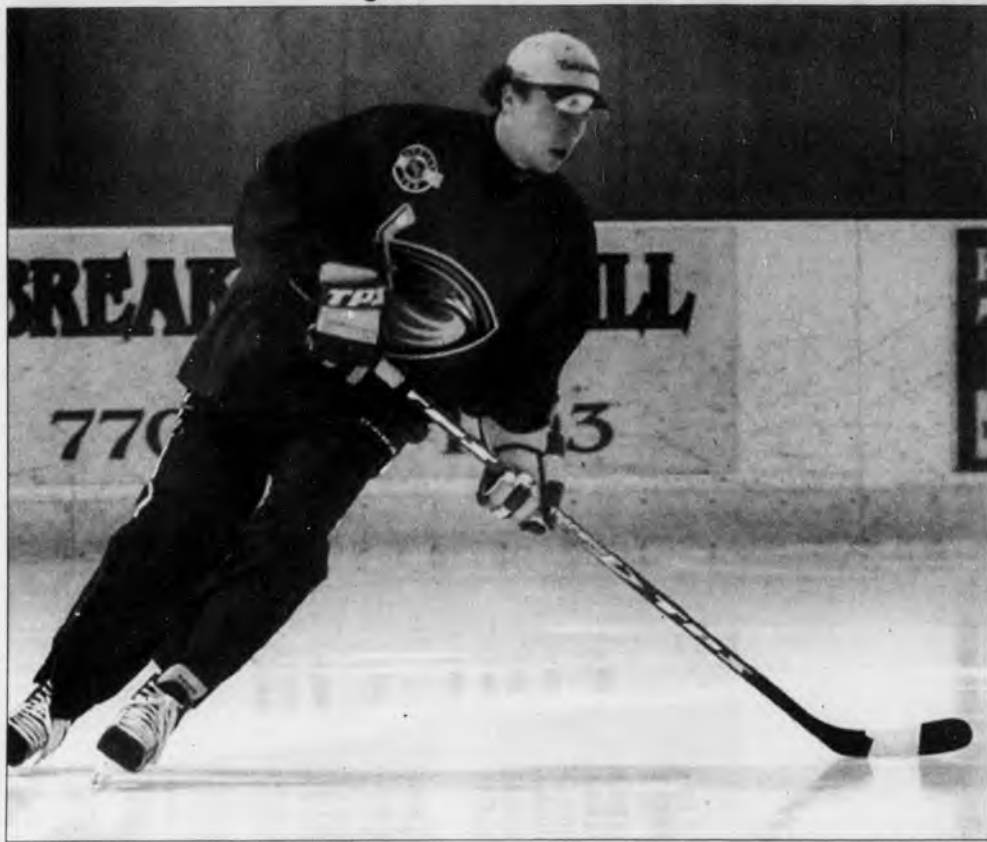
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Ben Swanger BG News

BIG GAME: Bowling Green's Josh Almonson tries to shoot over Central Michigan's Gerrit Brigitha during the Jan. 18 game. Almonson and the Falcons host Kent State tonight.

Heatley to return to ice tonight



Ric Feld AP Photo

COMEBACK: Atlanta Thrashers' Dany Heatley skates in front of fans on Dec. 23 for the first time since his automobile accident. Heatley plans to play tonight for the first time since surviving the car wreck in September that killed teammate Dan Snyder.

By Keith Parsons
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATLANTA — Dany Heatley's quick return to the ice couldn't come at a better time for the Atlanta Thrashers.

The star right wing plans to play tonight for the first time since surviving a car wreck in September that killed teammate Dan Snyder and left Heatley with serious injuries.

His scheduled return against St. Louis at home will cap a recovery from two torn knee ligaments and a broken jaw. He had surgery in October to repair the anterior cruciate and medial collateral ligaments in his right knee.

"I met with the doctors Saturday for about the 17th time about his status," Thrashers general manager Don Waddell said yesterday. "They assured us he was 100 percent."

After leading the Southeast Division for much of the season, Atlanta has dropped to second place, six points behind Tampa Bay. The Thrashers were tied for ninth in the Eastern Conference with the New York Rangers entering play last night, four points behind the eighth and final playoff spot.

"It's nice to help, but at the same time, that has no bearing on whether I was ready to play or I wasn't ready to play," Heatley said. "It's going to be fun to get going in the middle of a playoff run."

Coach Bob Hartley and Heatley decided on the move after practice yesterday. Heatley skated for the first time following surgery on Dec. 23, then joined his teammates in a pregame skate about 10 days ago.

"I've seen Dany skate lots of miles out there, and we've put him through full-contact drills and practice," Hartley said. "There's absolutely no pain. (Tomorrow) night or two months from now won't make his knee any stronger."

Heatley was charged with vehicular homicide after Snyder died from head injuries. Test

results showed Heatley consumed a small amount of alcohol before the crash, with his blood alcohol content less than 0.015 percent, below Georgia's legal limit of 0.08 percent.

Because Heatley wasn't drunk and Snyder's relatives said they forgave him, prosecutors could decide the crash was an accident, with no need to pursue felony charges, which carry sentences from three to 15 years.

The case remains under investigation and a final decision on charges has not been made, Erik Friedly, a spokesman for the Fulton County district attorney, said yesterday.

Heatley hasn't played since the season finale last season, a 6-2 victory over the Lightning. He had two goals and an assist in that one.

"I'm coming into this like a regular game last year," Heatley said. "I want to play. There's going to be some rust, but I feel like I'm ready to go."

"It's been a long time. I'm anxious to get out there."

The Thrashers won't work Heatley in slowly. He'll resume his spot on one of the top lines and log a lot of ice time. Heatley was the MVP of last year's All-Star game and finished as the ninth-leading scorer in the NHL with 89 points. In 2002, he was the NHL Rookie of the Year.

"There's no doubt when you have a player of his stature on the bench, he's going to play," Waddell said. "He's not a player that's going to play 10 minutes a game. Once you put him back on the bench, the coach is going to play him as he normally would."

That his return came so quickly is very surprising. Other players in other sports generally miss an entire season after similar

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OSU tries to regain balance in Big Ten

By Rusty Miller
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Jim O'Brien resigned yesterday. No, not Ohio State's coach but rather the one with the same name in charge of the Boston Celtics.

The way things are going for the Buckeyes, however, it wouldn't have been a shocker if the guy stepping aside had been Ohio State's head man the past seven years. After all, just about everything seems to go wrong these days for O'Brien and his team.

A day after guard Tony Stockman returned to the team after being held out of a game with a bad attitude, the team said forward Matt Sylvester was lost for at least a month with a foot injury.

The Buckeyes (9-9, 1-4) are struggling to find their equilibrium at precisely the wrong time in the schedule. This week, they take on No. 17 Wisconsin tonight at home before traveling to No. 21 Purdue on Saturday.

"This is obviously going to be a difficult week for us," the Ohio State coach said. "The bad news is who we're playing and the good news is that three out of our next four are at home. That's nice to know. Now we've got the top two teams in the conference in consecutive games — especially in the predicament we're in right now, being 1-4 in the league. We can't continue to slide a whole lot more."

The Buckeyes hit a low note on Saturday in a 79-65 loss to Iowa. Ineffective underneath and on the perimeter, Ohio State was never in the game after the opening five minutes.

Stockman, the Buckeyes' leading scorer at 13 points a game, did not make the trip. He was held back by O'Brien who was unhappy with his attitude and performance. But the junior guard returned to the team for Monday's practice and pronounced himself ready after taking the weekend off.

"I'm happy to be back," Stockman said after yesterday's practice. Asked to explain why he was left at home, he said, "I was just a little frustrated with myself and how the team is doing. I was down on myself a bit and had a bad practice (on Thursday)."

O'Brien said Stockman would start against Wisconsin. Stockman said there were no hard feelings.

"I understand everything coach did and I don't disagree with him," Stockman said. "It's not like I was mad at him or anything like that. Now I'm back and I'm ready to play."

Wisconsin (13-3, 4-1) shared the Big Ten lead with Purdue and Indiana coming into this week. But the Badgers have not been invincible when they have played on the road. They're unbeaten at home but just 1-3

away.

"We've played in some tough environments already this year," coach Bo Ryan said. "They (the Badgers) understand that the game doesn't change. The dimensions are the same. You don't bring out the 'Hoosiers' film and measure the rim ... but they understand when they go on the road some things become tougher."

The Buckeyes recognize that the Badgers may be their toughest opponent so far this season.

"We have to play solid ball, cut the turnovers down and we have to start making some shots," guard Nick Dials said. "That's been holding us back a little bit."

Brandon Fuss-Cheatham, who led the Buckeyes at Iowa with 17 points, said it's a case of simple mathematics for Ohio State.

"Our goal is to put two and two together, on both offense and defense," he said. "We have to control the pace of the game and we also have to start making some shots. We've been holding teams to 60 points, but we haven't been scoring 60."

Ohio State is shooting just 43 percent from the field, 32 percent on 3-pointers and 65 percent at the line in Big Ten play.

Likewise, Ryan said the game plan is simple from the Badgers' standpoint.

"You try not to let teams at home go on big runs," he said.

Player apologizes for role

By Tom Withers
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CLEVELAND — Indians minor leaguer Kazuhito Tadano is asking for forgiveness for what he called a one-time mistake — his appearance in a gay porn video in which he engaged in a homosexual act.

Tadano took part in the video three years ago when he was a college student. Sitting in the Cleveland clubhouse yesterday, the pitcher said he hoped to put his actions in the past.

"All of us have made mistakes in our lives," Tadano said, reading a statement in English. "Hopefully, you learn from them and move on."

Shunned by Japanese baseball teams, the 23-year-old Tadano signed with the Indians last March. They think he can make their club this spring.

Tadano gave few details about the video, which he made after his sophomore year at Rikkyo

University.

"I did participate in a video and I regret it very much," he said. "It was a one-time incident that showed bad judgment and will never be repeated. I was young, playing baseball, and going to college and my teammates and I needed money."

"Frankly, if I were more mature and had really thought about the implications of what I did, it never would have happened."

Through an interpreter, Tadano added: "I'm not gay. I'd like to clear that fact up right now."

Tadano's admission will certainly draw attention to homosexuality in baseball, a sensitive issue that most players prefer to not even discuss.

In 2002, All-Star catcher Mike Piazza felt the need to hold a news conference to profess his heterosexuality after a newspaper gossip columnist suggested that one of the New York Mets'

top players was gay.

There are no openly gay players in the big leagues today. The same is true in the NFL, NHL and NBA.

Tadano was one of Japan's top college pitchers and expected to be a high first-round pick in 2002. But after a Japanese tabloid published photos of him in the video a month before the draft, pro teams in Japan did not select him.

"The commissioner of Japanese baseball came out and said, 'You will not draft Tadano,'" asserted the pitcher's agent, Alan Nero. "But this kid didn't assault anybody. He didn't commit murder. If anything, he is guilty of being naive."

Twice in the minor leagues last season, Tadano stood before his teammates and confessed to his participation in the video, which Nero said can be obtained only on the black market in Japan.

Poor first half shooting does not stop Eastern's comeback

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In between, Eastern fought hard, but struggled with poor shooting in the opening half, shooting just 25 percent (8-of-32) from the field. Marion Crandall, though, hit three 3-pointers in the half, and Melis

Ulker hit a three with 3 1/2 minutes left in the half to give the Eagles a 23-22 lead. BG was able to limit Eastern's two leading scorers — Coleman and Knapp, who average over 26 points combined per contest — combined for only two points in the half.

Mann led BG with 22 points and 10 rebounds, and Lindsay Austin added 14 points. Crandall scored 17 for Eastern, while Ulker scored 13.

The Falcons host Buffalo Saturday before hitting the road for three of their next four.

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Stranger than usual SB media day

By Barry Wilner
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOUSTON — Super Bowl media days don't come any stranger than this — and players hardly cared a whit.

Rookies and veterans alike rode the wave of goofiness, even welcomed it, embracing questions about music, fashion, politics, sex, MTV — some from kiddie reporters.

Bring them on!

For a Super Bowl cast thought to be duller than a roomful of tax agents, yesterday's media frenzy was wildly entertaining.

"It's almost like the Final Four," said Panthers defensive end Julius Peppers, who also played basketball at North Carolina, "except with a whole lot more media asking a whole lot more weird stuff."

Indeed.

Jake Delhomme brushed off NFL Network reporter Warren Sapp when he asked a question.

Rod Smart of "He Hate Me" fame and Carolina teammate Jarrod Cooper of no fame at all put on a vaudeville skit complete with wrestling, off-color jokes and tall tales.

Patriots rookie Dan Koppen read cue cards for Spike TV. Patriots linebacker Tedy Bruschi was challenged to a spelling bee by a 13-year-old Nickelodeon reporter with spiky canary-yellow hair.

"Spell Delhomme," Justin Phillips boldly challenged Bruschi. Delhomme is Jake Delhomme, as in the Carolina Panthers' quarterback.

"D-E-L-H-O-M-E," Bruschi responded. He missed an 'M,' and as the last letter spilled from his lips, the youngster

pounced: "Wrong!"

Later on, Delhomme admitted he couldn't spell Bruschi.

The players, who otherwise had the day off, were getting a kick out of the hundreds of reporters shoving their way through hordes of, well, other reporters.

Many were there to ask serious questions about audibles, defensive schemes and game plans. Even more were interested in anything and everything that had nothing to do with football.

The Patriots and Panthers were accommodating, none more than He Hate Me and his sidekick, Cooper, who dubbed himself He Love Me.

Cooper, a backup safety, screamed out to the MTV cameras that he wanted a date with pop star Christina Aguilera.

Then he bragged about killing a pet anaconda in a bathtub.

Smart, whose nickname earned him headlines in the now-defunct XFL, complained with a laugh that he deserved a podium like the ones given to his more accomplished teammates.

"Is the NFL scared of me?" he asked.

Their shtick drew a scrum of television cameras and microphones. Someone insulted Cooper by asking about the Panthers not having any big names.

"Are we the no-name Panthers?" he shouted. "You find something like this anywhere in the NFL? I don't think there is a group of people like me and him anywhere."

"Hollywood. We're trying to get a reality show."

Down the other end of the field, Sapp, whose real line of work is as a Tampa Bay defensive tackle, was moonlighting as a reporter. Delhomme was not an accommodating interview.

"I don't want to see you this week," Delhomme said to the man he faced twice during the season. "No, I've seen enough of you during the season."

Plenty of the Panthers and Patriots were equipped with hand-held video cameras. Carolina safety Travarres Tillman bought his on Saturday for one purpose: media day.

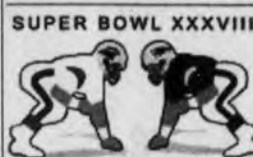
"Oh, yeah, I want to capture it all," he said. "I want to show my family how crazy this is. I'm going to watch it today when I get back to the hotel."

No doubt, there would be plenty to watch:

— Koppen, New England's starting center, butchering his lines while trying to look at cue cards and the TV camera simultaneously.

— Pick Boy, a caped, masked crusader also employed by Nickelodeon who was fixated on helmet hair.

— Camera crews from Japan, Germany, Mexico and Australia seeking messages for the folks back home who, presumably,



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Rushing
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100.4 (27)

DEFENSE

Points allowed
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14.9 (1)

Total yards allowed
295.3 (8)
291.6 (7)

Passing
187.7 (9)
202.0 (15)

Rushing
107.6 (11)
89.6 (4)

SOURCE: Associated Press AP



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MEDIA FRENZY: New England Patriots' Rodney Harrison is surrounded by reporters and photographers during Super Bowl media day festivities at Reliant Stadium in Houston yesterday. The Patriots and Carolina Panthers meet in Super Bowl XXXVIII at Reliant Stadium on Sunday.

Dakich hoping team can bounce back after loss

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and his 12.5 points and 6.5 rebounds per game to the court every night as well as small forward Jason Edwin, who only brings 5.2 points per game to the table, but is a more than formidable defender that lays claim to shutting Keith Triplett down in the Toledo game.

"He's one of those players in the MAC that just becomes good," Dakich said. "He's undersized for the Big Ten, but he can play with anyone in the Big Ten."

With all of these weapons, plus a roster that sees nine players get at least 10 minutes per contest, it might not come as a surprise that Kent beat Toledo like they did, but for Dakich, it is mind-boggling.

"Before we played [Toledo], they played as well as anyone in the league," he said. "To be down 40 [to Kent], that's kind of surprising."

But the loss Toledo suffered has yet to play with the psyche of the Falcons.

"Each game is different," Dakich said. "I'm here every single day with my team, and I still don't know how they're going to play on Wednesday. That's what college basketball is."

Tip off is set for 7 p.m. at Anderson Arena for what looks to be a blow out in the making—at least to the average fan.

Heatley's quick return surprising

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injuries, and Waddell initially expected Heatley to miss four to six months. But Heatley started his rehab three days after surgery and beat every timetable throughout.

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Cassell continues to make strong case for All-Star selection

By Andres Ybarra
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MINNEAPOLIS — Sam Cassell has spent his career putting the ball in the hands of big scorers whose gaudy stats earned them All-Star appearances.

Hakeem Olajuwon, Clyde

Drexler, Glenn Robinson and Ray Allen all were beneficiaries of Cassell's play at point guard during stints with Houston and Milwaukee.

Now with the Minnesota Timberwolves, Cassell's 11-season wait for an invitation to the

All-Star game might finally be over.

Kevin Garnett is putting up double-doubles at his regular clip. Latrell Sprewell added a

spark. But it's Cassell's leadership and stats that might be most instrumental to Minnesota, who entered yesterday with the NBA's best record

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'Bubba the Love Sponge' gets indecency fines

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Collectible up for grabs

Company offers slices of 1950s Elvis recording to fans

By Deepti Hajela
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK - A New Jersey company is offering Elvis Presley fans a chance to buy what it says is a slice of history.

And it really means a slice — 2-inch snips of a tape reel featuring some of the King's earliest recordings.

"This is a piece of the history," said Tony Bongiovi, an engineer and record producer involved with trying to authenticate the reel. "Here's a chance to get something that nobody has."

At a news conference at a recording studio in Manhattan on yesterday, Michael Esposito, president of Bloomfield, N.J.-based Master Tape Collection, showed reporters and guests the reel of tape, which was purchased at an auction in Tennessee in 1992. He cut off a 2-inch section, meant to be put in a plaque and presented to Presley's estate.

On the reel are recordings of the first songs a then-unknown Presley put together in a studio in the early 1950s. They're known as the "Sun Sessions," a series of songs released by Sun records before Presley moved to a major label.

The reel is in bad condition and could barely be played. Copies have been made of what was recorded on it. Bongiovi said he doubted the original could be heard again without falling apart.

"Within the next 10 years, no matter what kind of technology is available, this tape will never, ever be able to be played," he said.

Faced with that deterioration, Esposito decided to offer it to Presley fans. Those who

are willing to pay \$495 can get a 2-inch cutting of the tape preserved in a plaque. The tape had not been unspooled to determine how many cuttings could be made.

Elvis Presley Enterprises has given a license to the project.

Esposito said cuttings would be made only in response to the demand from fans and each piece would be notarized and registered.

The songs have all been released, and RCA Records, which controls all Presley recordings, says it has the existing original tapes of those sessions and won't comment further. But Esposito says his reel is a master, perhaps one of nine that were supposed to have been destroyed in the late 1950s.

After his company, which looks for master tapes from artists to reissue their music, got the reel and realized what it could be, it tried to have it authenticated by Sam Phillips, the producer of the Sun sessions. But Phillips died without looking at it, and the task fell to Bongiovi.

Bongiovi tested the tape for 20 hours and said he was convinced of its authenticity after comparisons with the existing versions of the songs. He played a piece of the released version of "That's All Right" for reporters, then the same song from the reel, which doesn't have all sound effects that the released version has. He said that showed



Ed Bailey AP Photo

MEMORABILIA: Tony Bongiovi, left, president of Bongiovi Entertainment, and Michael Esposito, president of Master Tape Collection (MTC) cut a two inch segment of the Sun Sessions recording by Elvis Presley.

the reel has the original recording, which was then augmented for public release.

"There haven't been any effective consultations in the last decade, and few before that"

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WILDLIFE SERVICE DIRECTOREPA, Congress
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to ease pesticide
reviews for endan-
gered species.By John Heilprin
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Officials admit they pretty much ignore an Endangered Species Act requirement that they consult with one another before licensing new pesticides. Now they want regulations to say they don't always have to do what they're already not doing.

The Bush administration proposes allowing the Environmental Protection Agency to approve new pesticides without a formal signoff in every case from the Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service.

By not requiring so many consultations, the government says it becomes more likely that the ones still required will occur.

"There haven't been any effective consultations in the last decade, and few before that," said Clint Riley, special assistant to the Fish and Wildlife Service director. "This has been sitting around under the cover for a lot of years."

The Endangered Species Act, signed into law by President

Nixon in 1973, requires the government to ensure its actions don't jeopardize the survival of plants, animals and fish. To do that, EPA must consult with the other two agencies.

Administration officials say the consultations haven't been occurring for a long time now, so they want to fix the process. Their actions affect more than 1,200 species and thousands of pesticides, many used in household products.

The new regulations would: •Let EPA skip consultations with the two other agencies when it decides, after lengthy scientific review, that a pesticide probably will not adversely affect species' survival.

•Create the presumption that EPA's pesticide review work is adequate in cases where it determines species could be adversely affected. That means the two other agencies aren't required to do duplicate studies but can if they wish.

Riley and other administration officials maintain they can change the regulations, despite the law's requirement that EPA consult with the other agencies.

"This isn't a carte blanche authorization for them to make their own call," Riley said. "This is a structured, defined scenario in which they don't have to check with us every time."

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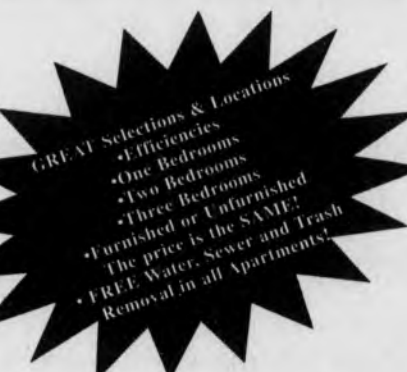
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Release near for boy once sentenced to life

By Jill Barton
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — The teen whose life sentence for murdering a playmate was thrown out after a worldwide uproar is in better spirits now that he is close to getting out of jail, his lawyer says.

Lionel Tate's attorney, Richard Rosenbaum, said he expects the 16-year-old to be released soon after a bond hearing Monday afternoon.

Tate is to appear twice this week before Circuit Judge Joel Lazarus, the same judge who sentenced him three years ago. Following the bond hearing, he is to appear at a hearing on Thursday, when he is expected to plead guilty to second-degree murder in the death of 6-year-old Tiffany Eunick. He was 12 at the time of the killing in 1999.

Prosecutors offered him the plea deal last month after an appeals court threw out his first-degree murder conviction, which had carried an automatic sentence of life without parole.

The appeals panel ruled he should have been evaluated to make sure he understood what was at stake at his trial. They pointed to Tate's apparent immaturity and his failure to accept a plea deal that would have given him a three-year sentence.

Rosenbaum, who won the appeal after taking on the case for free, said Tate is "anxious" but that his spirits are improved.

"I'm getting smiles now and then," Rosenbaum said.

The plea deal Tate has said he will accept is identical to the one he rejected.

For his guilty plea, Tate will receive credit for the three years he served in jail and at a maximum-security juvenile prison.

Along with 10 years of probation, Tate will be sentenced to one year of house arrest and 1,000 hours of community service. He will receive mandatory counseling and will continue his education with the support of his mother, mentors and community and church groups.

Autopsy reports showed the girl was beaten to death, suffering a lacerated liver and at least 35 other injuries.

Tate originally said he accidentally killed her while imitating



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SMILING: Lionel Tate talks to his mother Kathleen Grossett-Tate at a bond hearing in Florida. Tate, the teen who killed a 6-year-old playmate and became the youngest defendant in the nation to be locked away for life, was ordered to be released Monday.

professional wrestling moves he had seen on television. He now says he leapt from a staircase and accidentally landed on her chest.

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Presented by Thomas Roberts, information security analyst

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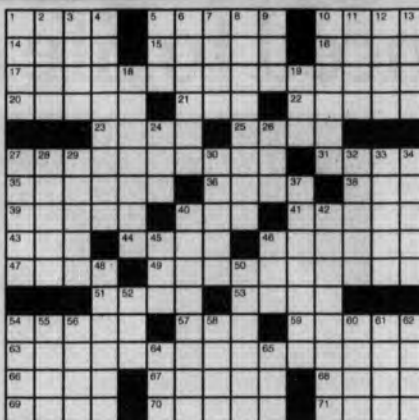
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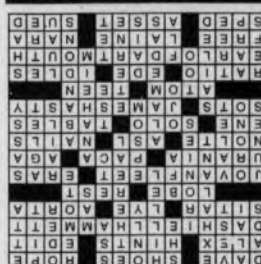
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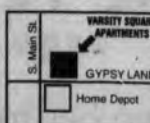
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